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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
November 24, 2004

Applicant(s): Yoshiyuki SONO, et al
For: WIRE RETAINER

Serial No.: 10/706 883 Group: 3632
Confirmation No.: 7378
Filed: November 12, 2003 Examiner: R. RAMIREZ
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Atty. Docket No.: OPS C-630

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

(Please see following pages.)



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Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

For	No. Filed	No. Extra	(X) LG Entity	RATE	() SM Entity	Fee
Basic Fee				\$790.00	\$395.00	\$0.00
Total Claims	(20 - 20 = 0)		x \$ 18.00		x \$ 9.00	0.00
Indep. Claims	(3 - 3 = 0)		x \$ 88.00		x \$ 44.00	0.00
[] Multiple Dep. Claim			+ \$300.00		+ \$150.00	0.00
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *					\$	0.00

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by one (1) month(s). The extension fee is: \$110.00.

A Check for \$110.00 is enclosed to cover fees.

Please credit any overpayment, or charge any additional filing fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 by this communication, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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